

House Resolution No. 55

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who are broadening their horizons and bettering their skills through the wonderful venues available in competitive sports; and

Whereas, during the 2002-2003 school year, Kearney High School fielded an exceptional football team which attained great distinction on the gridiron by successfully claiming the top spot in the Class 4 State Championship held on November 29, 2002, at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis; and

Whereas, the Kearney Bulldogs handily bested the Eureka Wildcats by a score of 36-22 to finish the season with an impressive thirteen wins and only one loss and bring home the state trophy for the first time in the history of the Kearney football program that was established in 1959; and

Whereas, the Kearney Bulldogs have distinguished themselves as a very talented group of determined young athletes whose phenomenal success can be attributed to countless hours of rigorous practice and a strong commitment to the finest principles of good sportsmanship; and

Whereas, under the astute leadership of Athletic Director Bill Skillman and High School Principal Daryl Rinne, the Bulldogs were trained and directed by Head Coach Mark Thomas and Assistant Coaches Matt Sullivan, Greg Smith, Dan Luellan, Kevin Kooi, Jeremy Helton, David Rash, Mike Hoffman, Jason Greer, Eric Marshall, Jay Tobin, Dave Schwarzenbach, and Troy Resler; and

Whereas, the community of Kearney and all Missouri football fans are exceptionally proud of the fantastic achievements realized by Bulldog State Champions Alec Wepler, Ryan Akin, Kyle Miller, Jake Lindstedt, Matt Shull, Benny Palmer, Blake Quarles, Jon Goss, Parker Southworth, Jake Thomas, Brad Carlson, Jake Massey, Mike Jones, Tyler Smith, David Keeler, Josh Distasio, James Short, Keith Hessel, Josh Levin, Brock Christopher, Eric Gibson, Dane Moore, Jeff Schmit, Stephen Johnson, Brandon Dray, Steven Giacone, Luke Clark, Eric Zornes, Justin Maxwell, Stephen Murray, Alex Martinez, Dalton Rader, Adam Belben, Scott Christy, Chase Quarles, Josh Barnett, Keith Rinne, Trevor Frankenfield, Ted Shinneman, Alan Martinez, Zach Colburn, Matt Rodenburg, Tommy Saunders, and Austin Beck:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the players, coaches, administrators, and parents associated with Kearney Bulldogs football and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal, academic, and sporting success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Kearney High School Class 4 State Champion Bulldogs football program.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 55, adopted January 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker